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Pertinent Topics Discussed by H.C.

It is easy for an Opposition to make itself popular. All it has to do is to suggest something involving the expenditure of money, which is always popular. What the government has to do is to take the unpopular course of rejecting it, or the popular course of accepting it, which has to be followed by unpopular means of financing it. One Opposition member introduced a resolution in favor of slum clearance and the building of good houses rentable at cheap prices. The government's position will be disclosed in the budget. It will show an increase in revenue of sixty millions, leaving a deficit of seventy millions. The increase in revenue means prosperity. The deficit indicates that we are not living within our means. The demands upon the government show that there is no public realization of these things.

The settlement of the automotive strike was really a victory for the strikers. The only point scored by General Motors is that it does not recognize the Lewis union as the only bargaining body. The wage increase it can meet to some extent by withholding its usual general Christmas bonuses. The union's great victory lies in the fact that the contest ended without prosecutions which would have placed the stamp of illegality on sit-down strikes. President Roosevelt's great influence was exerted to bring about a cessation of this strike. The settlement made will ensure him many further opportunities to exercise his influence.

Mr. Rowe, M.P., has been read out of his party for attacking Mr. Aberhart for failure to implement his Social Credit promises within the eighteen months set as the outside limit. Mr. Rowe still adheres to it and pins his faith to Douglass and Hargrave. How he can exonerate Douglass is hard to understand. He is the father as well as the doctor who, when called in to bring up his first child in the way it should go, declined to consider the call, thus failing in his duty as a parent and his function as an obstetrician. Mr. Aberhart tried his 'prentice hand and did the best he could in the absence of the master craftsman.

In a recent trial, a lawyer called the judge's attention to the fact that a female witness had not kissed the Bible. The judge ruled very properly that she was duly sworn whether she kissed the book or not, but the lawyer was justified in calling attention to it lest the witness should think she had evaded the oath. Witnesses have been known to kiss the thumb instead of the book under the impression that they were avoiding being sworn, but we have never known anyone to plead that excuse against a charge of perjury.

A strike of railway workers during the winter has many advantages, but the chief one cannot be discussed without disclosing its vicious intent. Canadians, in many places, would freeze to death if they could not get coal, therefore winter is an ideal time for a strike because the government cannot afford to allow its citizens to freeze.

Vulcan---10 Years Ago

Interesting Information Gleaned from the Vulcan Advocate of Friday, March 5th, 1927

A community sale was proposed for Reid Hill, the proceeds to be used towards the construction of a community hall. Donations included 1500 wheat bundles, plows, a sewing machine, poultry, a horse, seed potatoes, lamps, rugs, etc.

In the weekly report of that date covering grain shipments from the Lethbridge C.P.R. division, Vulcan was well in the lead of other towns with a total of 1,372,000 bushels of wheat shipped and 125,000 bushels in store.

In the Municipal District of Royal elections of 1927, N. P. Jensen was elected over M. Parker in Division 3, and R. S. Irwin was elected over Floyd Atkinson in Division 4.

George Gordon Elected Municipal Division No. 5

Election of a councillor for Division 5 of the Municipal District of Royal, No. 158 was held last Saturday. George Gordon was re-elected to this office with a majority of 9 votes over his opponent, Daniel McNiven. Only a small vote was cast, Mr. Gordon polling 30 votes and Mr. McNiven 21. With the re-election of Mr. Gordon the council of the Municipality will be the same as last year. Mr. George Bateman being re-elected by acclamation in Division 4.

SPRING-LIKE WEATHER

Last Sunday dawned bright and warm and since that date weather conditions have been ideal. The days have been warm and calm, a welcome change from the winds experienced during February, and the snow has been melting quite rapidly. The highway to Calgary via Carleton Place was cleared last week and is now in fair shape. District roads are gradually being opened up and several are now passable by car, with much detouring through fields and driving over snowdrifts.

Supreme Court Sets Brownlee Damage

Declares in Favor of Miss MacMillan Giving \$10,000 Verdict

The long trail of the Brownlee-MacMillan case reached another point this week when the Supreme Court of Canada decided in favor of Miss MacMillan, awarding her \$10,000 damages and costs.

M. M. Porter, K.C. of Calgary, Mr. Brownlee's counsel, has stated that the next appeal will be to the Privy Council in England.

Since the case was started, the years have rolled by and Miss MacMillan is now Mrs. Henry Sorenson of Edson.

The Supreme Court decision was 4-1. Chief Justice Sir Lyman Duff, Justice Renfret, Justice Kerwin and Justice A. B. Hudson, upheld the decision of the Alberta jury. The dissenting judge was Mr. Justice Davis.

The Supreme Court decision reversed the findings of Justice W. C. Ives who presided at the trial, and the Alberta Court of Appeal. The issue turned upon the interpretation of Section 5 of the Alberta Seduction Act. The section altered the common law by giving a seduced woman action against her seducer, regardless of loss suffered by reason of seduction.

The case has been before the courts for more than three years, based on alleged improper relations between the Edson girl and the ex-premier of the province.

CHURCH OF CHRIST NOTES

Two young people were baptized last Sunday night and good audiences attended each service. With better roads and better health we anticipate better attendance. Plan to come.

Remember Sunday school and Christian Endeavor at usual hours. I will be away Sunday. Mrs. Bogue will preach both morning and evening. I am sure you will hear messages well worth your while.

A very fine Easter pageant is being prepared.

On Thursday, March 11th we will give a stereopticon slide lecture under auspices of Christian Endeavor Society on Arctic Regions and their Peoples with a children's supplement on Sleeping Beauty. No charge but an offering will be asked for. Plan to come.

Midweek study next week on The Mystery of Deacons.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Church of Christ is sponsoring an illustrated lecture on the evening of March 11th, on Arctic Regions and their Peoples. We are all interested in the great north land. This will be equal to a trip up north. It will have both entrancing and educational value. Come. No charge, just an offering. There will also be a picture especially for the children, Sleeping Beauty. You know the story. Then see the picture.

Federal Budget No Increase in Taxes

Tariff Cuts; Increase of British Preference; No Higher Taxation in Any Form

Hon. C. A. Dunning in presenting his budget, estimated an all over deficit of 35 million for 1937-38. This compares with \$87,395,000 estimated for the current year. Next year he expects to present a balanced budget.

Estimated total expenditure for all purposes in the next fiscal year was placed at \$520,000,000, and revenue from all sources at \$485,000,000.

Exports during the calendar year 1936 including commercial gold amounted to \$1,027,901,000, the highest level since 1929, while imports amounted to \$635,190,844. This was an increase in exports over 1935 of \$189,559,000, and of imports an increase of \$84,876,000. Total trade showed an increase of \$274,435,000.

Salary cuts of the civil service will be restored. Mr. Dunning remarked Alberta had requested an investigation of its financial position by the Bank of Canada, similar to that made for Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This, he said, illustrated the contribution the Bank of Canada might make to the welfare of the Dominion.

Few Changes No income tax changes. No changes in excise taxes and duties.

No changes in sales tax rate but increased exemptions. Trade pact with Britain guarantees against tariff increase on Canadian automobiles and parts.

Agreement effective from midnight Feb. 25. Canada reduces preferential rates on 179 items—textiles, glass, iron and steel, boots and shoes.

Canadian cattle and meat exports safeguarded.

Canada given opportunity to export hams and bacon up to 280,000,000

VULCAN HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lucas are spending a few days in Calgary.

Miss Hattie and Miss Nellie Woods are Calgary visitors this week.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bud" Flood left this week for Calgary where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hanson and daughter, Opal, of Cheddarville, are visitors to Vulcan this week.

Dr. G. M. Carson and Mr. Edward Arney have returned from a business trip to Idaho.

Mrs. R. Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. F. Mensinger Jr., were visitors to Calgary for a few days this week.

Mrs. J. T. Willard returned this week from Edmonton where she has been receiving medical treatment for her illness.

E. J. Loxton has purchased and moved into the Jennijohn premises next to his former place of business. Extensive alterations are being made.

Mrs. M. Kemp entertained at tea on Wednesday for Mrs. Thos. Black, who is leaving shortly to make her home at Wetaskiwin.

Word was received in Vulcan Monday evening of the passing of Mrs. Elizabeth Becker, aged 73, at Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Becker was the mother of Mrs. A. Markert and Henry Becker both of the Vulcan district. She visited her son and daughter here a number of years ago. Mrs. Markert left for Illinois on Tuesday to attend the funeral.

Word has been received that Mr. Thos. Black and Mr. H. Mulberry, two of our local mechanics, have decided to form a partnership and go into the garage business for themselves in Wetaskiwin. They are both well and favorably known locally, and a host of friends will join in wishing them the best of luck in their new business venture. They expect to move to Wetaskiwin within the next few days.

Personnel of Rinks, Second Mixed 'Spiel

Despite the mild weather, members of the local curling club are participating in a mixed bonspiel, the second of the season. The ice has been holding up remarkably well and good competition is being enjoyed every evening. Twelve rinks are entered in the 'spiel. Personnel of the rinks is as follows, the skip being named first in each case.

John Wolfe, Mrs. Denbigh, C. Robinson, Mrs. Nicol; A. Clark, William Black, D. Evans, Miss Lindsay; W. E. Butchart, Dr. Nicol, Mrs. Allister, Miss Brown; Hugh Lee, P. McArdle, Wm. Brown, Mr. Thomas; Errett King, Mrs. King, W. D. Campbell, Miss McPherson; T. B. Lebeau, Mrs. Lebeau, W. Myers, Charles Carson; H. B. Ulrich, R. Brown, Mrs. Ulrich, Royce Clark; Mr. Jones, F. M. Anderson, R. Robson, B. D. Benjamin; Corp. Naylor, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Munro, S. Campbell; Wm. Mackintosh, G. C. Collier, Alva Love, Mrs. Mackintosh; Dave McAfee, C. McArdle, Tom Love, Mrs. Marshall; W. D. Allan, Ed. Love, Miss Zang, Mrs. Carruthers.

Complete results of the bonspiel will be given in our next week's issue.

Britain assures continued free entry of Canadian products, with 1932 agreement reservation.

Britain guarantees preference margins on lumber, canned salmon, apples, dairy products, tobacco, patent leather.

No change in one-cent pound excise tax on sugar made from sugar beets.

The following are added to the commodities exempted under the sales tax: Articles specially designed for use of the blind; art work and printing plates made therefrom for non-advertising purposes in periodical publications; raw and salted hides; certain refractory materials; spinal braces and parts thereof; ingredients used in canning fish; and parts for grain or seed cleaning machines.

Thigh Hill Institute Holds Quilting Bee

Members of the Thigh Hill Women's Institute gathered at the home of Mrs. W. J. Robson on Thursday, Feb. 25th, to work on the Institute quilt. At noon a delicious dinner was served and at 3 o'clock the regular meeting was called to order by president Mrs. F. M. Maiden. Roll call was answered by the exchange of home-made Valentines.

Mrs. Earl Deal was appointed as delegate to the district conference which will be held in Lethbridge on April 1st and 2nd. A paper on the subject "The Associated Country Women of the World" was read by Mrs. L. G. Clifford. A delightful lunch was served by the hostess.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. M. Maiden.

Kirkcaldy News

Mr. R. Selland, who has been visiting in Calgary with relatives since the first of the year, returned home last week.

Miss Hilda Lafontaine spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Saunders.

Mrs. Bert Maisey and son Darrell spent the week end in Lethbridge with relatives.

Mrs. R. Clemens returned home on Thursday after spending the past month in Calgary with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman.

Mrs. Steve Laing and Helen Laing were Lethbridge visitors on Saturday. Miss Gay and Shirley Gay, who have been at Kirkcaldy for the past two months, left on Friday night for Olds. Miss Kathleen Colwell was a Lethbridge visitor on Saturday.

Berrywater

Miss Ethel Campbell spent the week end visiting friends in Vulcan.

Miss Iva Miller, teacher at the Sandpit school, spent the week end at the home of her parents, in Champion.

Friends in the Berrywater district wish to extend their sincere sympathy to Mr. W. Oldfield in his bereavement, by the death of his father, which occurred in Ontario this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Walker are Calgary visitors this week.

Mrs. Toby Knife and infant son, Donald John, have returned home from the hospital. (Congratulations Toby).

A number of friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Healy on Sunday last, the occasion being Mr. Healy's birthday. After a much enjoyed buffet supper the guests presented Mrs. Healy with a pyrex casserole. The evening was spent in games.

Herronton

Last Friday Pete Trasov's little son, Sammy, a little lad of two years had the misfortune to fall and break his thigh. He was taken by sleigh to Blackie and from there removed to the General Hospital in Calgary. The bone was set but he will be forced to spend at least a month in the hospital before his removal home.

By the time this goes to press we hear that the road north to Carleton Place will be shovelled out and Herronton's seven week isolation brought to an end. The men of the surrounding area are going to apply strong backs and scoop shovels to all the drifts. It is the only way so it must be taken to obtain an outlet as the Blackie road is out of the question.

Another very regrettable accident occurred to Roberta, five year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Dawes. A plank slipped and fell upon their two little girls while out playing. Roberta's collar bone was fractured.

Mr. Cliff Anderson has resumed his duties at Elmdale this week. By no means well and in constant danger of a recurring attack of appendicitis, he is to be commended upon his determination and zeal to keep his scholars from losing any time and thereby impair their final standing on the year's work.

Mr. George Myers left last week for a two months' vacation. A relief section man replaced him. It is a real idea George. You can now dodge the snow drifts.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS

There was little business to occupy the attention of the town councillors at the regular meeting last Monday evening. It was definitely decided to contribute \$300.00 towards the purchase of snow-plow equipment for the engine of the Municipal District of Royal. The snow-plow is to be used for clearing the district roads leading to Vulcan.

The C.P.R. and the Independent Grain Company were given assurance that the council would co-operate on the drainage problem in that end of town. The routine number of bills were passed for payment and it was decided that a meeting would be held shortly at which the estimates for this year would be considered.

News of the Week

The government has collected \$133,617.47 in amusement tax, its share of \$5,774,000 spent by the people in amusements last year.

The Teachers' Association at Turner Valley passed a resolution deploring action of oil companies in importing labor, and presenting the claims of the high school graduates.

Lacombe Home has received a gift of \$27,000 from the estate of the late C. J. Dugan of Calgary.

A plan of a \$10,000,000 road program is forecast by Hon. W. A. Fallow but he says is contingent on the plan of Social Credit.

A petty thief at Wimborne, Alberta, went into church and drained the gasoline from the lamp.

Prime Minister Baldwin favors legislation making annual vacations with pay, compulsory for all British workmen.

Four villages, three towns and one municipal district have defaulted in debenture payments in 1936. 352 school districts defaulted.

Governor General Tweedsmuir plans a trip to the Barren Lands and to the Arctic circle this summer.

VULCAN HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Edward (Scotty) Lloyd is confined to the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wills, of Milo, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born February 21th.

Friends of Mr. W. Fitzpatrick will regret to hear that he had the misfortune to break his leg and is confined to the hospital.

Friends of Miss Eva McIntosh will be pleased to learn that she is improving.

Miss Amy Wigley and Miss Alice Archambault of the hospital staff, are making satisfactory progress from their recent illness.

ANGLICAN CHURCH NOTES

Mothering Sunday, sometimes known as Refreshment Sunday, will be observed in St. Aldhelm's church with evening at 7:30 p.m.; the address will concern itself with the ill purpose of the Younger Son of the Parable in leaving home.

Sunday school will be held at 12:15 when the senior class will give consideration to the 6th Commandment.

Seen and Heard Around Town

Strange sounds emanating from the Massey Harris office recently. Possibly the new tractors are now equipped with horns.

Dick Irwin's open-air snowplane attracting a lot of attention last Sunday.

Two or three of our local citizens bailing out their flooded cellars. And there's still lots of snow to melt.

Len Davis, Harry Purdy and the rest of the gang doing their "Washboard Five" act over C.J.C. on Tuesday. Hot stuff, eh?

Clarence Robinson proudly displaying the cup he won in curling competition: "C.J." gives all credit to his skip, but maybe he's just modest.

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Vivid Language

(From Readers Digest)

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A two-mouse-power, personality—Rob Wagner.

He speaks French with a great deal of courage.—Prince de Tallyrand.

She has a small mind but knows it thoroughly.—Ellen Glasgow.

The sort of face that, once seen, is never remembered.—Oscar Wilde.

As long as a wet day in the country.—Mary Roberts Rinehart.

As forlorn as a cat in a store window on Sunday.—Roger Garis.

A secret as fascinating as a loose tooth.—Gelett Burgess.

As relaxed as twilight.—Celia Caroline Cole.

A one-room-and-percolator apartment.—Octavus Roy Cohen.

Morning news-drinkers were eagerly gulping down the strong black headlines.—O. Henry.

The telephone began calling out like a spoiled child and he hurried off to soothe it.—R. C. Sheriff.

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AVIATION DEVELOPMENT

When Hon. Ian McKenzie introduces the subject of national defense, he knows it is not a popular subject. It might be made more acceptable, if together with his plans for the protection of the country, he would announce a clear-cut policy for the financial protection of the men who would have to do the fighting in the event of war. That is what the public would like to hear.

However, in one phase of his defense plans, he strikes almost a popular note. There are few who begrudge any reasonable expenditure in the matter of aviation. Canada's in need of greater development in the flying field, and any expenditure in this line serves a valuable commercial purpose.

Canada's vast distances, the inaccessibility by land, of important areas, give definite reason for expansion of aviation. The training in flying, in mechanics and in all industry associated with flying, would absorb a large number of young people in permanent occupation, with a future still unpredictable in extent.

Canada has lagged behind in this line of activity. Yet its future, more than with most countries, seems to lie in the air.

Any expenditure with reason which the federal government sees fit to make, so long as the civil value is not subversive to the military, will be accepted by the public as justifiable expenditure.

It is at least one phase of defense plans which would be effective in protection of the country, and an investment under any circumstances.

A WAY OF LIVING

Sweden seems to have evolved "a way of living" that is compelling the attention of an ever increasing army of observers from other lands. The latest convert seems to be Denon Massey, whose article in a recent Saturday Night calls attention to noteworthy features.

"The sense of property has a wider application than just sense of ownership, for when a man finds himself an employer, his pride in ownership is sublimated into sense of responsibility. Minimum wages are not necessary, and though trade unions set wages, there is built-up between employer and employee, a mutuality that is a priceless national asset.

"The employer has been taught honesty since he was a child. To be dishonest is a cardinal sin. Honest workman

ship goes into every product, and honesty means quality. Good workmanship is not possible if wages are unfair, if a workman is worried about his job, his home, the health of his family. So it is not only humanitarianism that is behind the Swedish effort to set up social security for the individual, but an active practice of the ideal that the individual must have sense of security to be a good workman. If the pay envelope fails to reflect appreciation of the importance of the individual and his value as a human being, then the employer is derelict.

"The main springs of the country believe in a balanced budget. They believe also that social benefits should be contributory, but that taxation should never reach the breaking point. This they believe to be the point at which the individual must curtail his normal expenditures for living. Then the State has the burden of spending the money which the individual would normally spend at the grocery or elsewhere.

"Another impressive attitude is the failure to get excited over a man with a large income. They are not interested in the extent of his luxuries, provided he is willing to pay for the privilege of so living. Large incomes and excess profits are heavily taxed.

"After specifying the cultural and economic advantages which have been developed, Mr. Massey concludes: "In Sweden the state is made for the individual. When that individual is unselfish and tolerant, honest and understanding when the brightest and best have a chance to climb farther than those not so keen and clever, then a note of national harmony has been struck. Here is a capitalist state purged of the abuses so commonly practiced under capitalism; a state wherein the individual has full personal liberty, is never exploited, and where social security and national happiness have been developed. The individual is of supreme importance and round him everything has been built."

THE ALBERTA CIRCUS

There was something vaguely reminiscent of the popular sit-down strikes in Premier Aberhart's Sunday announcement. Admitting failure to fulfil the job for which he had been elected in the time which he himself set, offering no specific assurance for getting on with it, he stated his intention of "sitting," thus preventing anyone else from operating the machinery. Not exactly a strike of course, but a suggestion. Moreover when it comes to the negotiations regarding his continuance or retirement, almost half of the shareholders in Alberta are to have no voice. Only his personal supporters are to be consulted. And in addition, he sets the time for his friends to pass judgment upon him, as the first week of June, three months away. Why three months away, if provincial conditions are as serious as painted? Does he actually contemplate a trip to England at this critical time?

The past eighteen months of Premier Aberhart's regime have littered with gravestones and disappointments, over-riding with clouds of uncertainty and general business disruption. Search as one may for one good thing which has come out of this administration, it seems impossible to find anything sound, constructive or beneficial. And in addition it appears that the Social Credit policy on which the party was elected, has not been advanced in one particular.

Other provinces of the Dominion have not thrown themselves about as has Alberta, yet every one of them has gone ahead and has definitely improved financial and gen-

eral position in the past eighteen months. With no clamoring for the limelight they have got results. What has this province done? It has laid on more taxes, done an immense amount of talking, experimented with velocity dollars at some expense, passed laws and then suspended them, defied the senior government and the constitution with special legislation that has further unsettled the people and has since proved null and void.

Amongst the Premier's alibis are "conditions," sickness and resignations in the cabinet, blocking tactics of the opposition. These blocking tactics are so much shadow boxing. It is true he has been opposed verbally by quite a proportion of the province, but that opposition has not halted him in one step he has undertaken. The opposition, though not recognized by him as worthy of consultation, (holding something the position of Orientals in B.C.) has nevertheless contributed to all taxation and submitted to his rulings. In his own province he has been supreme, and has exercised that supremacy. When he stepped outside provincial rights with special legislation, he encountered the same treatment as would have been dealt to any part of the Dominion acting in defiance of the constitution.

The cold fact seems to be that the Premier has failed not only in the Social Credit program, but in a common business program. He offers no convincing hope for the future. What possible message of Social Credit value can he have for any other province or for England?

So Much To Do

There is nothing to fight about, no problem that the most successful war would not complicate and make more intractable. But how much there is to do if the nations will only give their attention to the things that really matter.—The Sunday Times (London)

Our Responsibility

When a British vessel puts into a Canadian harbor to load a cargo of Canadian products, it would seem the particular duty of Canada to see that an enemy raider does not slip in and blow up the vessel. That is what is expected by Britain and what the Canadian government proposes, destroyers to defend Canada's ocean ports and air-fighters to give battle to invaders. If Britain is expected to continue Canada's best customer, it is but fair to assume that Canada should safeguard its trade.—Estevan.

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More than 100,000 foreign visitors have travelled through the new Russia under the care and guidance of "Intourist," the State travel agency. This season notably increased interest in the land of the Soviets indicates that a very considerable number of people not only from Canada but from the United States as well will include Russia in their summer itineraries, according to information received at the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific

Railway in Montreal. Many round the world parties are adding to their knowledge of the country by using the Trans-Siberian Railway which has been modernized and double tracked. The picture layout gives a broad idea of certain phases of Russian life under the Soviets. Indicative of the part women are playing in the new regime is the distinction won by Anya Maremukova, shown in the oval upper left, of being the first aviatrix and parachute

jumper. The centre picture illustrates the progress in education, and shows an attentive class learning some useful wrinkles in chemistry. That all is not hard work is proven by the scene in lower left which shows a group of harvesters, improving the noon time rest period with folk dances and songs. In lower right a good looking Russian girl is, in the traditional Russian manner, carrying in a basket of fresh picked fruit.

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- ☐ National Home Monthly 1 yr.
- ☐ Canadian Magazine - 1 yr.
- ☐ News Review Weekly (British) - - - - - 3 mo.
- ☐ Pictorial Review - - 1 yr.
- ☐ Silver Screen - - - 1 yr.
- ☐ American Boy - - - 1 yr.
- ☐ Parents' Magazine - - 6 mo.
- ☐ Can. Horticulture and Home Magazine - - - 1 yr.

GROUP 2
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- ☐ Liberty Mag. (52 Issues) 1 yr.
- ☐ Judge - - - - - 1 yr.
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Work Must Be Found

Through jobs men and women are insured against privation and kept off relief. Jobs enable them to hold up their heads among their fellow-beings, to be self-supporting, to maintain homes, to educate and raise families.

With the exception of Alberta, the Dominion has made substantial progress in the past year in the matter of increased employment. In fact, 60,000 jobs have been made available to Canadians in 11 months, or thereabouts. On every hand—with the exception of Alberta—there is a definite upward swing in the employment pendulum.

What is our situation here? According to statistics issued for the week of December 12, 1936, Alberta had 2,694 more jobless than for the same week of 1935.

The fact is that the present policy of debt repudiation has not increased employment, but has increased unemployment. If our men and women are to be found jobs, as men and women are finding jobs in other provinces of the Dominion, the credit of Alberta must be restored.

This statement is one of a series written by The Mortgage Loans Association of the Province of Alberta. The Association is composed of 34 member companies. It represents hundreds of thousands of small investments by typical Canadians. Its loans to citizens of Alberta amount to some forty-five million dollars.

(The eighth statement in this series will be published in two weeks)

From Bob Edwards The Days of 1903

(From The High River Times)

A boon for which all readers can thank Walter Hanson of Pekisko, is the arrival at the Times' office of a nice fat package of High River Eye-Openers of scattered issues in the years 1902 and 1903. This is going to provide the condiments for the Times' issues in the next few weeks.

The selection from Bob Edwards' observations of that date, will not follow any particular order, but will touch on things present and things to come in High River and the inconsequential remainder of the world in 1902 and 1903.

From July 18, 1903

"The astronomers have discovered a peculiar spot on Saturn and are greatly excited over it. Yet there are plenty of peculiar spots no farther away than Okotoks and Claresholm."

A curious accident happened a month ago up in the hills. Dogie, who works on a ranch south-west of town was bitten by a skunk while lying asleep in the yard one warm night, and had his nose bitten off before he could scare the disagreeable animal away. However, he picked up the piece of nose, stuck it on again and secured it firmly with a handkerchief bound round his head. The handkerchief was removed for the first time last Friday in the presence of an anxious group of cowpunchers. It was found that the piece had slipped and grown on his face an inch to the left of the proper position. This awkward bit of surgery has left him with one nostril in the right place and one chastely nestling against his cheek. Mr. — regards it as a huge joke, and laughs immoderately every time he sees himself in the glass."

Orangemen's Day

"Last Monday a number of High River ladies and gentlemen attended the alleged festivities of Okotoks on Orangemen's day. The dance in the evening was fine, and the baseball game between Nanton and Okotoks was all right. The rest was slightly off color. The races were decidedly off color. But on the whole, a good time was had. The god of booze as usual shed his benign countenance. The Indians were disatisfied with their 50c and 25c purses. They sure do things (and Indians) up brown at Okotoks. We hear the triumphal arch was very highly spoken of. It consisted of two sticks rammed into the ground and a crosspiece, the latter covered with a

Pertinent Topics

(By H. C.)

(Continued from Front Page)

to death; and would do anything to avert it. Those who threaten to strike during the winter have just as much humanity as the government, but their leaders are perfectly willing to use the government's humanity as a lever to pry up their own wages. The threat that they make is just this: "If you don't give us what we want, we'll make it so uncomfortable for the public that you will have to surrender."

If the railway trades go on strike, the two lines could find enough men able and willing to carry on the essential services. There is no love lost between the senior men who looked after themselves and the juniors who were dropped when staffs had to be reduced. The elimination was made by the brotherhoods—not by the companies—and we are assured that the men who were dropped then would be willing to work five or six days a week if they were assured of a return to steady employment. The union leaders claim to control over one hundred and seventeen thousand employees, impressive numbers that tell of potential political strength. A strike now, if resisted by the companies, would enable them to manage the roads in future with two-thirds that number.

It would have been very inconsistent for the government to increase the pay of the C.N.R. employees at the very time it was reducing other relief appropriations.

When Mr. Bennett agrees with Mr. King as he has done several times this session, each must have an uncomfortable feeling that he is wrong. Ordinarily each one knows that he is right, especially if the other opposes him. The disturbing self-assurance becomes unsteady and each one makes the mental query: "Can it be possible that I am wrong?" In one or two instances where the two leaders agreed, we are positive they are both wrong, but we have so much respect for them we would not say so for all the world.

A Liberal government in Britain once compelled a hostile majority in the Lords to surrender by getting the King's consent to create a sufficient number of peers to carry the obnoxious measure. It was not that they hated the measure less but that they hated more the thought of a motley addition to their dignified and highly respectable chamber. It is something like this that Roosevelt is doing to the Supreme Court so that it will no longer rule out his liberal measures, on constitutional grounds. He does not want a larger court, but hopes that the old fellows will retire rather than sit with their supplements. The hint ought to be sufficient, for he appoints a new man for every judge over seventy.

Up to a limit of fifteen, he can appoint a new man for every man over seventy. If the old judges choose to stay, it is not going to be a harmonious court. An Irishman heard his priest preach that on Judgment Day everybody would have to appear. The puzzled Irishman went to the priest next day and asked "Will the Protestants be there?" "Yes," "Will the Orangemen be there?" "Yes," "Will the Catholics and the Knights of Columbus be there?" "Yes," all will have to be there to be judged. "Well," said the Irishman: "I am thinkin' there'll be damn little judgin' done the first day."

Mr. Bennett's reform legislation not with the same treatment at the hands of the Privy Council as Roosevelt's New Deal legislation met at the hands of the Supreme Court, but we have not heard. Mr. Bennett argues that, as a result, the Privy Council should be remodelled. He has some reason to complain that the cases were not argued before the Privy Council as he would have done it himself, or as some lawyer retained by him would have argued it. The new government had not the same sympathy with them that he had, and the lawyer selected had little or no experience in constitutional cases or in appearances before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. We are not alleging that it deliberately set about to present the several cases in an indifferent fashion because it had selected Hon. N. W. Rowell to do it, but as he was made a judge in the meantime, another lawyer was selected who, as we have just said, had little experience and missed the salient points that Mr. Rowell would have stressed. The decisions may land Canada in a hopeless tangle which can be unravelled only by agreement among the provincial governments, which at the present time seems impossible. It is hardly likely that any provincial government that regarded the measures as an invasion of provincial rights will now say: "Having had our rights vindicated by a decision of the Privy Council, we waive them." As nearly all the provincial governments are Liberal, Mr. King may be able to

arrive at some accommodation, but several provincial acts cannot be as satisfactory as one general act.

Not many people remember Dwight Lyman Moody, whose centenary was celebrated last week, but he was a great man fifty and sixty years ago. He was the best of the American evangelists and, with Ira Sankey, the hymnist, he drew large audiences and did much good. Other teams followed, such as Torrey and Alexander, Crossley and Hunter. There were other evangelists but they played lone hands such as Sam Jones, Gipsy Smith and Billy Sunday. But the day of the professional revivalist is gone. It went away with the horse and buggy. They all did some good not unmixed with harm. They played on the emotions and terrorized their hearers with fire and brimstone. Many can recall sleepless nights following revival services which roused them to a consciousness of sin, but failed to bring about that "conversion" which meant light and peace and the ineffable joy of being saved.

A bill was defeated at Ottawa that would have curbed the Canadian Performing Rights Society, which is the Canadian branch of an English and United States organization claiming proprietorship over two million copyrights. They watch theatre ads; they listen into radio programmes and swoop down on the hapless proprietors

or performers and demand payment for the use of plays or songs on which they claim copyright. We read somewhere that they claim copyright on "Auld Lang Syne," something that the author himself never possessed. Even if this be not correct, we can still be charged with understating the case.

An Idaho hermit, 92 years of age, has never seen an automobile. The Grand Rapids Press says he doesn't know what's missing him.

In an examination paper in Purdue University this was the answer to one question: "Haile Selassie was the champion steer at the Chicago Live Stock Exhibition." The student will get no marks for that, but he would have made a bulls-eye if he had said that Haile Selassie was the champion of Ethiopia who got the wrong steer at the League of Nations show.

What must they think abroad of the debate in the Commons on the military appropriations? They show an increase of fourteen millions, but we are careful to assure everyone that it is solely for home defence. Against whom? Against no one in particular. The increase must have some relation to the disturbances in Europe but we are careful to state that not one dollar of it goes there. It must be to provide against some contingency or aftermath of the struggle in Europe. The best place to prevent such a contingency or aftermath is not here, but we dare not say so—the pacifists and separatists are too numerous. A wonderful people we Canadians are. We want all the benefits that link with Empire, but none of the obligations. At a time when Britain is spending billions to preserve peace we are telling the world that not one cent of ours is going into that enterprise. The moral effect for Britain would have been better if we had not increased the appropriation at all. We would not have exposed our aloofness and weakness.

Following is the population in 1936, by provinces with the 1931 census figures in brackets: Manitoba 711,215 (700,839); Saskatchewan 930,890 (921,785); and Alberta 772,782 (731,967). Figures for cities with populations of 10,000 or over, were given as follows: Brandon 16,461, Calgary 83,407, Edmonton 85,774, Lethbridge 13,523, Moose Jaw 19,805, Regina 53,454, Saskatoon 44,734 and Winnipeg 215,814.

Cost of Living and How It Has Varied

From the Lethbridge Herald comes a summary of how the cost of living has fluctuated during the years. The cost does not always tally with the wage scales or ability to pay. Assuming that 35 per cent. of a family's income goes for food, 8 per cent. for fuel; 18½ per cent. for rent, 18½ per cent. clothing, and 20 per cent. sundries, the dominion department of labor shows that the cost of living during 1936 took \$1.29 to buy what \$1.00 would buy in 1913.

Basing calculations on the \$1.00 standard of 1913; the same amount in 1919 would cost \$1.62; in 1920, it would cost \$2.04; in 1921 cost \$1.61; in 1929 cost \$1.60; in 1933 cost \$1.20; and in December 1936 the cost was \$1.29.

"Was I fast? Listen, guy, when I played for the Giants, every time I hit one of my many home runs, I reached first base before the spectators could hear the crack of the bat. Then when I rounded second, the second baseman usually said something that made me sore, so I slapped the third baseman on the catcher's mouth."—Lethbridge Herald.

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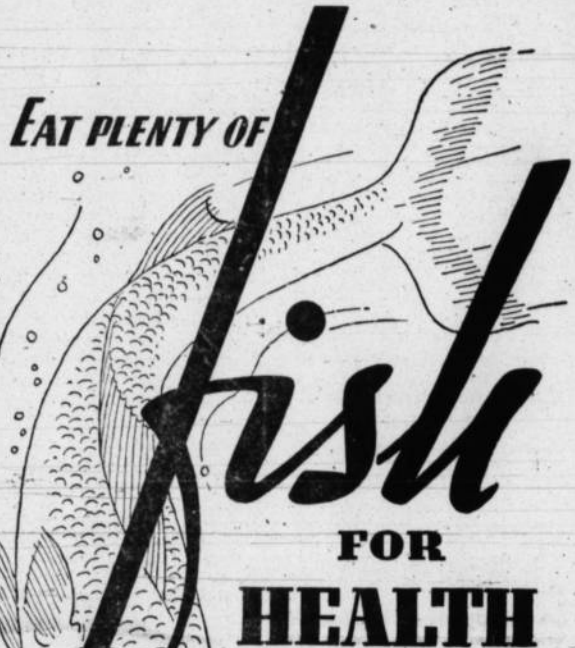
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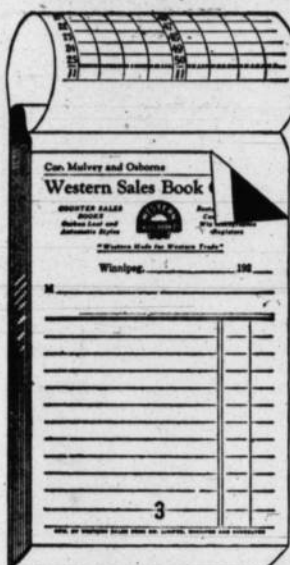
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Drilling For Oil Comes Rather High

The National Petroleum News is authority for the statement that for 75 years the oil industry has put in the ground for dry holes, drilling, lifting cost, royalties, bonuses, overhead, and other expenses a sum representing a total cost averaging \$1.41 per barrel of crude oil and all it got out of it was a barrel of crude oil worth \$1.21.

Twice as many wells, it is stated, have been drilled, than were actually necessary to recover the oil produced to date. In East Texas, with more than 20,000 wells in production, involving a cost of \$300,000,000, it has been proven that one third that number of wells would adequately provide present and future requirements of that field.

An interesting geological fact is that 10 years ago the average drilling depth was about 2,300 feet. The national average today in the United States is well over 4,000 feet. Before 1900, the average cost of drilling a well was about \$5,000. Between 1900 and 1920 the cost averaged \$10,000. Between 1920 and 1935 it was about \$25,000, and today the average well costs \$35,000, with the usual expenditure for deep wells ranging between \$45,000 and \$68,000 per well.

Advice to Young People

Young people in these present times may feel the ground beneath their feet to be slippery, but they will in later years be glad if they do not let themselves be upset by their temptations and misled by the lures of these present times. Every age has offered its young people stones for bread. Ultimate prosperity and happiness go to those who stick fast to that which is good.

Are you a smasher of the Ten Commandments, or an upholder of them? On your answer depends, for you and for many others, their sorrow, or their happiness and welfare.—Amherstburg Echo.

Canada's National Voice is a Myth

National Home Monthly Asks What is Canada's Policy in European Affairs
No Clear Cut Opinion

An article written by Edgar Brown in the National Home Monthly says the national voice of Canada is a myth. There is no such thing. He suggests that our ignorance of our own system of government leaves us a prey to any inefficiency which may develop and further that there is a lack of knowledge, and lack of unified opinion on European events which is alarming.

This article is so much in line with growing feeling, expressed locally and elsewhere, that it will repay reading.

"Shallow talk about democracy, British institutions and dreams of isolation," says Mr. Brown, "are not substitutes for clear thinking. These catch words are treacherous straws."

"If we wish to maintain democracy we must know what it is, and what sacrifices we are prepared to make to that end. We must be equally realistic about 'British institutions, making sure they are really British and not something England discarded a century ago. Finally we must comprehend that isolation is not a negative condition but a positive policy."

"Referring to these British institutions of which we speak so fondly, I believe the system of public administration in Britain to be the best in the world. But the difference between us and them is so great as to make one pause. Compared to England, Canada is so young, so poor in cash, so lacking in wealthy ruling class with traditions of public service, that it is possible that imitation is unwise. There are scores of distinguished families in England who have ruled the country for generations. They fit themselves for public service, which can be given freely through their wealth and accumulation of brains. In Canada, naturally we have nothing like that and as a result our political, diplomatic and business life is the poorer. There is nothing for it but to cut our suit according to our cloth. Perhaps we can evolve a worthy substitute, based not on wealth for that is treacherous; nor on family for we have not got family, but on selective brains chosen on merit and paid handsomely according to their value to the country."

Not So Honest

"Canadian government in all its branches, is a long way from being as honest and efficient as it should be. We ourselves create our politicians against whom we rail, and we create the conditions which make their work difficult. If our government is corrupt it is because we are too lazy to choose the right men and enforce the necessary supervision. If the brilliant young men of Canada refuse to enter public life it is because they cannot get a decent salary or be assured of a permanent job. So we save a few thousand on salaries, and let millions slip through our fingers in graft and inefficiency. We must solve this in our own way if we are to continue solvent and prosperous."

Our Relation to Britain

"There should be healthy discussion on our relation to the British Empire. In Canada the attitude toward the Empire is too often unthinking patriotism and nothing else. There is a feeling that a high school debate on 'Should Canada remain in the Empire' is unpatriotic and dangerous. No attitude could be more dangerous. Such a debate magnified one million times would do more to put our allegiance to the Empire on solid foundation than anything else. We would then know why we belonged to the Commonwealth and would have the confidence that comes from facing a question."

What Do We Want?

"This is a time for soul searching. What kind of Empire do we want? What contributions should we make, and what benefits are we to expect? Is it to be a defensive union, an economic union, a group of independent units all going six ways? This may be made clearer at the Imperial Conference in May. It is something we ought to know."

Foreign Policies

"Prime Minister Mackenzie King, speaking at Geneva, said what Canada did not want, but did not say about what it did want. The Prime Minister's fellow Canadians are equally vague. It is time we had a foreign policy and some concerted opinion to give sense of direction. The statesmen and the press avoid our external relations as if we lived in a vacuum. But we do not. We must either make our own policies or they will be made for us."

"Most of us do not know yet why sanctions failed or what part of England paid in the failure. What is important in last summer's moves and counter moves is that we could have been drawn into a war, without realizing why we were fighting or who we were fighting against."

Spain's Position

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Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture at Ottawa, presented before the Commons, a more favorable viewpoint regarding drought areas of the West. He predicted that in ten years there would be more people in these areas than there are today.

He urged no general abandonment, but an extended reclamation policy.

It was intimated that large sums of money would be made available by the federal government for farm rehabilitation. The sum while not set is expected to exceed any amount voted in the past. The act, passed two years ago, provided for the spending of \$1,000,000 a year, but this has not been expended in total, the limitation on yearly expenditure will be removed. The program of reclamation might take 25 years before completion.

In settling the western plains a mistake had been made in surveying the country out in squares and placing farmers on quarter sections, said Mr. Gardiner. The system worked out all right in some heavy soil districts but it would have been better to have had more regard for the geography of the country.

The government's plans involved resettling some farmers around community pastures, along rivers and near waterholes where they would be able to make a living and keep their stock alive even in times of drought.

People in the prairie districts had attempted to readjust themselves to changed conditions. In 1934 the acreage in wheat was 1,250,000 acres less than in 1921 and 2,500,000 acres less than the peak year of 1932. Because these people had been induced to open up the prairies because they were urged to branch out into great production efforts during the war, and because of the possibilities of turning the prairies into fertile and self-supporting production districts, the minister felt Canada as a whole had a responsibility to assist them.

results. It is impractical and illegal to deport them. We should do voluntarily what we shall have to do in the long run—give them the ordinary privileges of citizenship and win their allegiance and respect by fair dealing.

Although larger problems of Japanese aspirations are not for Canada, there should be a fuller examination of the Japanese case, under common voice in policy.

"If we do not develop a national voice, we will drift into some deep hole and our experiment in nationhood will be over."

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